



ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 16, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



WELCOME BREYANA BRANDT - PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR



The Town of Moraga's new Parks and Recreation Director, Breyana Brandt, will begin work on Monday, March 19. Breyana has 20 years' experience developing youth programs, managing parks and facilities, and providing social services. Breyana enjoys working with the community and has produced large-scale public events as well as staffed multiple commissions. She recently completed an Arts Master Plan for the City of San Leandro where she served as Assistant Director of Recreation and Human Services. Breyana has also worked for other cities and has a Masters in Public Administration from San Francisco State University.



WEST COMMONS PARK VOLUNTEER CLEANUP POSTPONED

The West Commons Park volunteer cleanup on March 24 and 31 has been postponed. New dates and times for the event will be scheduled in the near future. Contact Moraga Parks and Recreation Department at 925-888-7045 for more information.



SUMMER CAMP ONLINE DISCOUNT - THIS WEEKEND MARCH 17 AND 18

Please view the Moraga Parks and Recreation [online registration](#) for a sneak preview of the best summer camps in Moraga! Receive a 10% discount on select summer camps when registering this weekend Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2018! (Offer only valid on registration completed on this Saturday and Sunday.) [Register Today!](#)



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE ORDINANCE SCHEDULED - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

The Town Council will consider introducing an ordinance amending Hillside and Ridgeline regulations on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The regulations include amendments to the General Plan, Municipal Code, MOSO Guidelines and Design Guidelines. These regulations have been developed through an extensive community process initiated in 2014, were recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission, and were analyzed in three Town Council study sessions. For more information, contact [Derek Farmer, Acting Planning Director](#).



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11



Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Please help save a life and make a donation! The Town of Moraga is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, April 11, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Hacienda de las Flores, La Sala Building, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Schedule an appointment at [Red Cross](#) (sponsor code: townofmoraga) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Contact [Kelly Clancy](#) or 925-888-7040 for more information.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 14

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CANNABIS UPDATE

The Town Council heard a presentation from Supervisor Candace Andersen and County staff regarding proposed County regulations to allow cultivation and commercial sales of cannabis in unincorporated areas of the County. The County is also considering placing a cannabis tax on the ballot. Councilmembers expressed concern about this, with a majority being opposed to cannabis activities in unincorporated areas around Moraga. The Council has already taken action to prohibit commercial cannabis activities in the Town. For more information or to provide input to the County, go to www.cccounty.us/cannabis.

STORMWATER FEE ORDINANCE

Town Council conducted a Public Hearing, did not receive a majority protest to halt the Proposition 218 property-related stormwater fee process, and directed the Town Clerk to mail out ballots to all affected property owners for their one vote per parcel. Additionally, the proposed ordinance to regulate the stormwater fee, if approved by the property owners, was introduced to Town Council.

The ballot proceeding for a property-related fee is unlike most ballot proceedings in that it is conducted solely by the Town (the County elections officials are not involved), and the ballot materials may look different than what most voters are accustomed to receiving. The ballot packet will include a ballot, a ballot information guide, and a postage-paid return envelope. The ballot will include the question with a place to indicate a “Yes” or “No” vote, a place for a signature, and some basic instructions on how to fill out the ballot and return it. The ballot information guide contains information similar to the notice of public hearing describing the background of the Town’s storm drainage needs, the rates and the projects, and services to be funded. Ballots will be arriving in mail boxes in early April. Ballots are due back to the Town Clerk’s office by 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2018 (postmarks will not be accepted).

Ballots will not be opened until the tabulation process commences on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Moraga Town Offices, Walnut Conference Room, at 329 Rheem Boulevard. The tabulation process will be open to the public and will be done under the direction of the Town Clerk. Once the tabulation is complete, the results will be brought before the Council for certification. If the measure passes, the Council may at that time take action to implement the fees beginning July 1, 2018. For more information, visit [Storm Drain Funding](#).

LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Based upon a review of 90% of Measure K receipts, the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee’s FY 2016/17 Annual Report affirmed that Measure K funds were properly tracked, reported and monitored, and that expenditures were consistent with, and in support of, Measure K goals. Measure K, a local one-cent Transaction and Use Tax (sales tax) dedicated for street improvements and repairs, was approved by voters in 2012.

RHEEM THEATRE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Town Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mahesh Puri, the owner of the Rheem Theatre building. The goals of the MOU include establishing a path for the preservation of the historic Rheem Theatre in recognition of its significance to the community. The MOU includes the re-leasing of the theatre at a lower cost, submission of an application for development of 48 residential units adjacent to the theatre and an expedited review of the project by the Town. The Town is not required to approve the project. However, if the project is approved by the Town, Mr. Puri has agreed to sell the Rheem Theatre to the Moraga Community Foundation for not more than \$150,000 in a private transaction.

NEW PUBLIC ART WORK

Town Council accepted [five public art sculptures](#) to be placed at the Town Hall offices, Town Council Chambers and West Commons Park. Four local artists have agreed to loan their artwork for public enjoyment. The art is scheduled for installation this spring.

ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Town Council reviewed and accepted the Annual General Plan Implementation report, allowing it to be forwarded to the State Department of Housing and Community Development and Office of Planning and Research. In accordance with State law and the General Plan (GP), the report provides a narrative summary of the Town's 2017 progress toward implementing the GP's goals and actions, and also reports on the number of housing units permitted and constructed in Moraga. In 2017, 30 new residential units received final certificates of occupancy, and 31 permits were issued for new single-family homes.

FIREARMS STORAGE ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Town Council adopted an Ordinance requiring all firearms to be securely stored in residences. Councilmembers expressed concern for the safety of children in our community in adopting the ordinance. They also directed that educational efforts be continued and expanded to ensure firearms safety information is available for families. Additionally, the Police Department continues to provide free gun locks and accept unwanted firearms for destruction. Contact [Police Chief Jon King](#) for more information.

MORAGA ROAD RESURFACING COMPLETE

Town Council accepted the pavement improvements by Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. (Concord) for the Moraga Various Streets and Road Preservation (Moraga Road Resurfacing) Project and authorized the Town Manager to file the Certificate of Completion with the County.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Town Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following volunteers: Design Review Board - Ben Helber and David Stromberg; Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee - John Anderson; and Planning Commission - Christine Kuckuk and Steve Woehleke. Unable to attend were Tia Kratter (Art in Public Spaces Committee) and Ferenc Kovac (Planning Commission). The success of the Town is largely due to those who volunteer their time and energy toward making Moraga a better place to live, work and play.

PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Town Council proclaimed March as Red Cross Month. The American Red Cross responds to disasters providing shelter, food, and emotional support to those affected; collects nearly 40% of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; and teaches lifesaving skills such as CPR to millions. Ken Tom, a long-time Red Cross volunteer, received the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Town Council presented a proclamation to Jaime Rich of the Lamorinda Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT) declaring March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Moraga. This recognizes the magnitude and seriousness of prescription drug abuse issues that affect all communities.



SUMMER RECREATION LEADERS NEEDED

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently recruiting part-time employees to work at Moraga Day Camp (formerly Camp Hacienda), the Town-run summer day camp. Positions include Recreation Leader I and Recreation Leader II. Leaders will engage campers with songs, games, crafts, and more! For more information including applications, job descriptions, and supplemental questions, visit moraga.ca.us.



WALK AND TALK - SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Assemblywoman Baker will be hosting a Walk and Talk Town Hall on Saturday, March 24, 10:00 am at Carr Ranch in Moraga. The starting point will be at Rancho Laguna Park, 2101 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Enjoy a nice walk through nature while getting the latest updates on State legislation.



EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 24



Hop on over to the Moraga Commons Park, rain or shine, for the annual Spring Egg Hunt Saturday, March 24, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Children eight and under can participate in an old-fashioned egg hunt, play games, and enjoy face painting, crafts, bounce houses and more. Each child should bring a basket for collecting eggs and parents are encouraged to arrive with camera in hand for photo opportunities with the Bunny. Admission to the event, sponsored by the Moraga Junior Women’s Club and co-sponsored by the Town of Moraga, includes participation in one of three egg hunts, 10:00 am (ages 0-2), 10:30 am (ages 3-4), and 11:00 am (ages 5-8). Tickets must be purchased in advance at moragajuniors.org.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 19 — [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers

Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

The Hacienda de las Flores is located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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